

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 6-24 are pending. Prosecution on the merits has been closed except for the correction of formal matters in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*. Claims 14 and 17 require correction for being in improper dependent form for depending on a claim that depends on multiple claims (specifically, Claim 13). Claims 14 and 17 are amended in this response to depend only on independent claim 1 while still including all of the additional limitations of Claim 13. Since Claim 1 is allowable, Claims 14 and 17 should also be allowable for at least these reasons, and they are no longer in objectionable form. In view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the rejections. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1055.

Respectfully submitted,

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